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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States exports of domestic merchandise, from \$1,691.5 million in July to \$1,662.2 million in August¹, a decline of about two percent, reflected decreases in exports of crude materials and finished manufactures which were partly offset by increases in exports of semimanufactures and manufactured foodstuffs. The August 1962 domestic merchandise export total was slightly higher than the August 1961 total of \$1,649.9 million.

SUMMARY REPORT

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With Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments excluded, the August domestic merchandise export total amounted to \$1,614.3 million, a level slightly higher than the July total of \$1,603.9 million and about two percent higher than the August 1961 total of \$1,578.4 million.

Exports of <u>crude materials</u> dropped from \$192.9 million in July to \$155.7 million in August reflecting a sizable decrease in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from \$66.2 to \$19.9 million. This decrease was partly offset by an increase in exports of coal, from \$30.4 to \$41.5 million. Exports of <u>finished</u> manufactures fell from \$1,011.6 to \$978.5 million partly as a

See the August 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-edjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally-edjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

result of substantial decreases in exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, from \$121.3 to \$84.6 million and office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from \$33.6 to \$20.3 million. However, other individual commodities included in this economic class, mainly construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, and automobile parts for assembly and replacement, increased from \$66.3 to \$75.4 million, and from \$45.1 to \$49.4 million, respectively. Although the change in the dollar value of exports of crude foodstuffs from July to August was small, \$153.4 to \$153.1 million, there was sizable increase in exports of one of the commodities included in this economic class, wheat, which rose from \$67.3 to \$74.3 million.

Exports of semimanufactures rose from \$227.6 to \$265.1 million reflecting small increases in exports of most of the individual commodities included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these increases were iron and steel plates, sheets and strips, from \$10.3 to \$16.7 million, and rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures, from \$10.1 to \$15.4 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs advanced from \$106.1 to \$109.7 million mainly due to increases in exports of canned fruits, from \$3.9 to \$11.7 million, and manufactured foodstuffs, exported for relief or charity, from \$9.1 to \$16.5 million, which were largely offset by decreases in exports of refined vegetable oils, fats, and waxes, from \$18.3 to \$10.1 million, and milled rice, from \$10.2 to \$6.0 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipmenta; and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agricultura. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the sesport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costa beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the resulta which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipmenta valued under \$100 (estimated data for such shipmenta are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under \$50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: AUGUST 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

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Economic class and commodity ¹	August 1962	July 1962	August 1961	Monthly average 1961
Totalvalue	² 1,662.2	³ 1,691.5	⁴ 1,649.9	51,719.0
Crude materialsvalue	155.7	192.9	226.2	212.2
Hides and skins, raw, except fursvalue. Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible1,000 lb value.	8.5 135,573 8.8	7.5 119,328 8.3	7.3 149,142 10.4	7.2 149,670 10.9
Oilseedsvalue Tobacco, unmanufacturedl,000 lb value	23.0 35,009 27.9	22.2 34,625 26.9	20.4 36,615 27.7	30.5 41,741 32.6
Cotton, unmanufactured	150 19.9	474 66,2	668 89.4	560 73.7
Coal	4,465 41.5	3,283	4,056 37.6	3,043 28.5
Crude petroleum	184 0.6 25.7	190 0.5 30.8	309 0,8 32,5	269 0.7 28.1
Crude foodstuffsvalue.	153.1	153.4	135.1	158.1
Corn	32,723	33,267	23,321	24,413
value Wheat	39.3 40,634 74.3	40.9 37,730 67.3	28.2 46,075 81.9	30.3 52,388 92.9
Other grainsvalue Vegetables, fresh or dried	21.4 41,286 2.4	21.4 112,535 6.6	7.6 47,355 2.6	13.8 108,582 5.7
Fruits, fresh or frozen	113,854	151,131 11.5	121,619	126,876
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agenciesvalue All other crude foodstuffsvalue	2.2 4.1	1.5 4.2	0.6	0.6 5.0
Manufactured foodstuffsvalue	109.7	106.1	90.8	96.4
Meat and meat products	36,935 11.1	42,815 12.6	43,092 12.5	41,833 12.3
Lard	34,512 3.1	38,243 3.5	22,110	34,886 3.9
Dairy products	36,914 7.5	43,465	46,727	37,629 7.3
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,724 0.9	2,103 1.0	1,653	2,381
Milled rice	86 6.0	145 10.2	56 3.6	147 8.7
Wheat flour1,000 cwt value	2,334 9.1	2,428	2,628 9.4	2,511
Vegetables, canned and preparedvalue Fruits, dried and evaporated1,000 lb	4.5 14,755 3.1	4.2 11,712 2.3	3.2 11,870 2.5	3.4 17,191 3.4
Value. Canned fruits	95,493 11.7	27,976 3.9	63,352 8.1	37,190
raiue. Fruit juices	2,580 3.1	3,428 4.1	2,362	5.1 2,877 3.8
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined1,000 lb value	86,517	138,498 18.3	42,184	44,497
Sugar and related productsvalue Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.6
by individuals and private agenciesvalue All other manufactured foodstuffsvalue	16.5 21.3	9.1 19.9	12.0	13.3 16.2
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 16value	265.1	227.6	266.4	273.9
Leathervalue Synthetic rubber	2.7 65,823 16.6	2.2 55,484 13.5	3.8 62,423 15.4	3.9 55,437 14.3

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: AUGUST 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity $^{f 1}$	August 1962	July 1962	August 1961	Monthly average 1961
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 16—Continued				
Naval Stores, gums and resinsvalue. Vegetable oils and fats, crudel,000 lb.	4.7 71,320	3.3 92,053	5.1 52,856	4.4 44,921
value Cotton semimanufactures	6.3 32,078	9.3 27,747	7.4 28,655	5.8 27,916
wool semimanufactures	4.7 12,900	4.2 9,713	4.3	4.0 11,901
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile	2.1	1.5	2.0	1.8
semimanufactures	20,368	14,135	13,233	15,663 1 2.0
Sawmill products	56,707 7.3	63,867 7.4	73,103 8.2	64,358 7.2
Wood pulp	101 13.6	96 12.8	117 15.9	98 13.3
Fuel oil, distillate and residual	1,586	1,412	1,742	1,738 4.8
Sulfur	132 3.1	115 2.7	145 3.3	132 2.9
Steel mill products, semifinishedvalue	5.5 15,913	1.7 10,872	0.4 22,676	1.7 15,219
value Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1.9 145,207	1.4 88,983	2.3 113,956	1.9
value Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate1,000 lb	16.7 84,717	10.3 53,561	13.2 69,566	12.9
value Other iron and steel semimanufacturesvalue	6.6 15.4	4.1	5.2 34.9	6.3
Aluminum semimanufacturesvalue Copper semimanufacturesvalue	9.4 17.3	11.1	7.7 13.5	9.4 23.0
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical productsvalue. Plastics and resin materials	14.7 67,897	14.3 68,561	16.0 70,284	15.5 69,744
value Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 16value	23.5	21.9	22.3	22.8
Pigments1,000 lb	44,492 4.9	41,164	49,513	55 ,87 0
value Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials 7	119,287	20,665	5.2 26,688	5.6 .62,553
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 16,7value	1.9 36.5	0.8 33.5	0.9 39.4	2.0 40.6
Finished manufacturesvalue	978.5	1,011.6	931.3	978.4
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), newthousands	103 2.9	99 2.9	79 2.6	81 2.8
Other rubber manufactures	9.4	8.8 1,902	8.7 1,644	8.7 1,861
Other tobacco manufactures. value	9.1	8.5	7.2	8.1
Cotton clothvalue.	0.8	0.9 9.7	0.7 10.8	0.9 10.5
Other cotton manufacturesvalue.	7.1	6.3	7.5	8.1
Wool manufacturesvalue. Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufacturesvalue.	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.7 13.2
Other textile manufacturesvalue	7.1	4.6	6.1	6.3
Wood manufactures, advancedvalue.	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.0
Paper and manufacturesvalue. Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)value.	25.4 3.2	21.5	24.5 5.0	23.4
Lubricating oilvalue.	19.6	20.3	21.2	18.2
Glass and productsvalue. Steel mill manufacturesvalue.	8.4	7.8 8.5	7.0	7.0 11.0
Metal manufactures, n.e.cvalue	38.8	35.4	11.2 33.8	35.6
Electric household refrigerators and freezersnumber.	19,633	19,904	20,103	22,428
Radio and television apparatusvalue.	2.7	2.8 30.0	2.9 32.6	3.5 28.1
Other electrical machinery and apparatusvalue.	68.6	72.8	58.7	61.9
Power generating machinery, n.e.cvalue Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related	25.6	25.3	16.3	20.1
machineryvalue Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and	75.4	66.3	66.2	64.6
parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 16value Metalworking machines and parts, except machine	26.8	28.8	22.1	24.8
tools and partsvalue.	14.4	12.1	18.5	15.2
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	12.8 91.7	11.3	12.2 83.6	15.0 88.8

See footnotes at end of table.



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Economic class and commodity ¹	August 1662	J uly 1962	August 1961	Monthly average 1961
Finished manufactures—Continued Office, accounting, and computing machines and partsvalue. Agricultural machines, implements and partsvalue. Tractors	20.3 12.1 2,803 15.8 13.6 9,559 20.1	33.6 14.9 3,387 17.8 13.5 8,767	20.2 9.0 2,078 14.3 12.7 17,005 26.5	25.9 12.0 5,536 17.3 12.6 12,651 24.3
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement	5,307	7,095	2,818	8,704
	8.3	11.9	6.4	17.9
	49.4	45.1	39.6	46.1
Aircraft, parts and accessoriesvalue Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.cnumber value	84.6	121.3	90.1	102.8
	16	14	3	10
	1.0	0.8	0.4	2.2
Railway transportation equipment	15.2	11.3	11.3	13.6
	4.6	5.1	6.0	5.8
	17.1	16.6	16.1	17.1
	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
	5.4	3.2	4.3	3.4
	10.3	21.6	17.2	16.7
Special Category Type 1 ⁶ value All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶ value	25.1	27.1 144.6	33.4 141.2	25.2 144.5

Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. Includes \$47.9 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$11.0 million to Western Europe). Includes \$87.6 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments (\$28.2 million to Western Europe). See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included. In issues of this report prior to January 1962, information on exports of merchandise reported under Schedule B commodity number 82721 (Vulcanized fiber sheets, rolls, strips, rods, tubes, and other shapes solely made therefrom) was erroneously included in "Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials" instead of "All other semimanufactures." The 1961 figures shown in this report have been revised to correct this error.